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### **Rapist receives sentence from Mahoning County Judge**

**(YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO)** – 30-year-old Franklin HERN was sentenced to 11 years behind bars. HERN was found guilty of raping an 18-year-old in September of 2013. Franklin was found guilty of the following charge after the jury's guilty verdict:

- Rape (Felony of the first degree)

HERN will also need to register as a tier 3 sex offender and is ordered not to have any contact with the victim. HERN is already serving time for another rape case where he was found guilty last October. He was sentenced to 11-16.5 years in prison for his previous rape conviction.